

## O'G staff provides financial support

Domenica Gilbert  
Becky Jarding

This year, "Casual Fridays" have taken on a whole new meaning.

In order to provide tuition assistance to current O'Gorman students, teachers have started the OGHS Staff Scholarship. Every Friday, O'Gorman's faculty has the option to pay one dollar to dress casually. This money will go to provide at least three students with \$500 scholarships next year.

Unlike most scholarships, the main criteria for the Staff Scholarship is not necessarily exemplary grades and involvement in many extracurricular activities. Students must, however, show individual academic growth.

Also, this scholarship is aimed toward students who show a love for O'Gorman and a desire to be active in the school community.

"We want anyone who wants to come here to be able to come here," said Mrs. Joan Mahoney, a member of the Staff Scholarship committee.

According to Mahoney, students must also be involved in the O'Gorman community, adhere to O'Gorman's rules and policies and have financial need.

"It always hurts faculty members to see a student leave because of financial reasons," said Mahoney.

Although the teachers are eager to participate in the scholarship, the idea did not originate at the high school. This scholarship was modeled after a tuition assistance fund offered at O'Gorman Junior High School.

Aside from providing students with financial aid, the scholarship also proves the staff's level of involvement with their students.

"I think it just goes to show how dedicated O'Gorman teachers are to their students," said Mrs. Heather Nohrenberg, a contributor to the scholarship.

Applications, along with a short essay, must be submitted by March 12.

## Three for O'G



Mrs. Joan Mahoney



Senior Pat Brende



Mr. Matthew Schaefer

## Administrator, student, teacher speak with *Scroll* on individual views of school spirit at O'Gorman

Shilpa Chandran  
Zach Dresch

Joan Mahoney

**KS: How do you feel school spirit is represented at O'Gorman?**

JM: I think school spirit is represented at O'Gorman in many ways. The support that students give to each other is the most evident display of school spirit. Our students support each other in their activities whether it be theater, music, or athletics.

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Pat Brende

**KS: How do you feel school spirit is represented at O'Gorman?**

PB: There are many students at O'Gorman who genuinely appreciate the opportunity to attend such an outstanding high school. I believe that school spirit is alive in those students.

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Matthew Schaefer

**KS: How do you feel school spirit is represented at O'Gorman?**

MS: I think that school spirit is strong at OG. Often times when describing it to friends, I liken it more to a college atmosphere than a high school. (Maybe not D-I but D-III for sure.)

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## Twenty year instructor receives national award

Domenica Gilbert  
Co-Editor

Twenty years of math instruction is a small price to pay for national recognition.

On Thursday, February 18, the recipients of the 2009 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement were announced. Mr. Ken Lindemann was one of fifty teachers in the nation to receive this award.

"There is very little public recognition for teachers," said Lindemann. "It's a great feeling to be recognized because it is so rare."

Established in 1998, the Siemens Award is given to honor teachers who inspire and instill a love for learning in students.

Teachers are chosen based on the success rate students have when taking Advanced Placement tests in math and science. Last year, 38 out of 39 O'Gorman students who took the AP Calculus exam



Mr. Ken Lindemann

passed after a year of preparation with Lindemann.

Senior Julia Schrier, a student of Lindemann, testifies to the proficiency of his teaching.

"I love Mr. Lindemann," said Schrier. "He is my inspiration for becoming a math teacher."

Lindemann is the first teacher to ever receive this award at O'Gorman.

## SFCS site undergoes changes

Shilpa Chandran  
Assistant Editor

The Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Web site has undergone a makeover. Aside from the fervent checking and rechecking of student grades, the online community can now view informational videos on the site.

Currently, this new addition consists of eight different videos, complete with tours and an introduction into the Sioux Falls Catholic School system.

"It is basically like a TV on the web," said Kathy Rutten, Admissions Director. "When all is up and running, it will have five channels of videos from which to choose."

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# Letter from the Editors

To our beloved readers,

As we continually strive to produce a quality paper, we try finding innovative ways to achieve this goal. To accomplish this task, the Knight Scroll will be publishing its first issue in color this month.

Last month, the staff was surprised to hear that our publisher would no longer be able to work with us. Although this caused some distress at first, we were able to gain some good out of this seemingly dismal notice.

After contacting different publishing companies, we found that producing a colored paper would be well worth the costs. After some discussion, we agreed that this was the direction we were going to take with the paper.

We hope that this colorful change will be well-received by our student audience.



Aside from printing in color, the rest of the *Knight Scroll* will remain the same. Our staff continues to dedicate their time to making the paper the best that it can be.

Sometimes this means putting in extra hours when we are coming closer to a deadline than we would like.

For example, this issue's deadline managed to sneak up on us, and an after-school *Scroll* staff party was

necessary for its completion.

With the help of pizza and chips, we managed to complete another issue. It is incredible what a little bit of nourishment can do to motivate a group of teenage journalists.

We hope to continue producing a paper worthy of our readers.

Sincerely,

Becky & Domenica

## VIDEO

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These channels will include Faith, Events, Activities/Athletics, Community, and School Tours. Under each category will be mini-videos showcasing the numerous events going on within each channel.

Vision Video Inc. produced the video, while also heavily helping in the shooting and editing of the school tours clips.

Even the production of these videos were done with people that had some level of connection with SFCS.

"Vision Video is actually owned by Marc Rasmussen, who is the son of Mrs. Rasmussen, who works at OGHS in Academic Services," said Rutten.

"SFCS put together a marketing committee to help come up with ideas for the channels and for the scripts. As we go forward, we are hoping that most of the videos will be produced by SFCS staff and/or high school students."

Obtaining permission for the pictures used within the videos was one obstacle SFCS had no trouble with.

The form that families sign at the beginning of the school year, regarding the use of student images, authorizes publication of any media taken by the SFCS staff.

The traditional Web site's new feel is due to the growing need for accessible internet resources.

More and more families turn to the

Web site in order to gain the most up-to-date information on school events.

"[The purpose was] to make our Web site more inviting and more dynamic. Videos are a lot more engaging than just reading about something," said Rutten.

"It is one more way SFCS can share with everyone what great things are happening in our schools. It is also a great recruitment tool especially for families that are moving to Sioux Falls and cannot necessarily visit the schools in person."

"The videos give them a "sneak peek" of our schools and also show, again, what great things are happening in our system."

Students are also appreciative of this addition.

"I do think these videos will give an outsider a good opportunity to see what the SFCS system is all about: faith, community, and excellence," said junior Chris Michels, who was included in the video. "The part that I'm in is the excellence part."

Rutten hopes the videos will be welcome additions to the current Web site.

"I am just very excited about this new addition to the SFCS website. It brings a whole new life to our website," said Rutten.

"I am hoping that it will become the "go to" spot for all our current families on seeing what is up and coming at SFCS, and the place for families looking at coming to SFCS to see what great schools we have."

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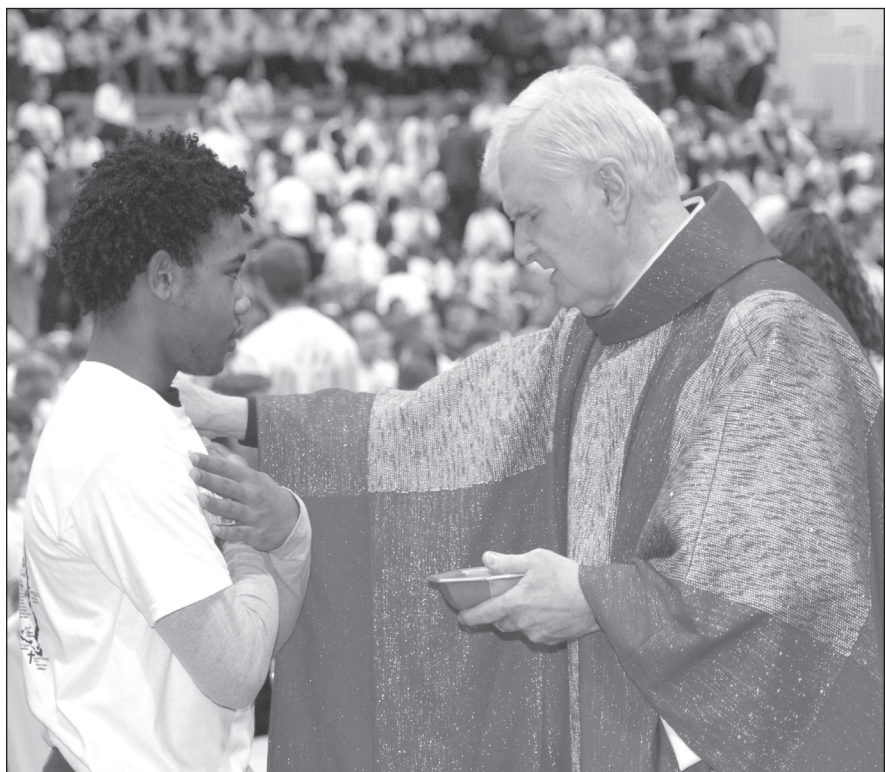
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Father Ed Anderson blesses Teddy Abebe during the All City Mass.

## Students, staff celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Becky Jarding  
Co-Editor

Students and staff celebrated Catholic Schools Week Feb. 1-5. The week culminated in the annual All City Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul J. Swain.

The theme this year for Catholic Schools Week, which began in 1974, was Dividends for Life. Students had the opportunity to learn about the four cardinal virtues as part of the week.

For each of the days, students were

able to dress down. On Monday, each class wore their own color, and on Tuesday students sported college apparel.

Students were invited to make donations for the Haiti relief fund on Wednesday. More than \$4,000 was raised.

Spirit day was held on Thursday as students sported Knight wear or activity apparel.

"I'm really proud to be a part of O'Gorman High School," said junior Joey Johnson. "It is really great to be involved in something like this."

## Dominican nuns of Mary appear on Oprah show

Becky Jarding  
Co-Editor

Joining the ranks of such individuals as Taylor Swift, Jennifer Aniston and Tom Cruise, members of the Dominican Nuns of Mary in Ann Arbor, Michigan appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on February 9.

The religious order featured on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," the Dominican Nuns of Mary, is the same order that O'Gorman graduate Betsy Ellenbecker belongs to.

This order is a youthful, fast-growing one, with the average age of the sisters being twenty-six years old.

The episode included not only a live appearance by a small number of sisters but also video clips of the sisters in their convent as well.

The Dominican Nuns of Mary allowed journalist Lisa Ling to spend the night in their convent and experience, for a short time, the religious life of a nun.

Ling described the sisters as being "some of the kindest people I had ever met." She also went on to observe that, "their lives are so much more liberating than ours."

According to Ms. Michelle Shields, theology teacher at O'Gorman, the episode helped to break down stereotypes and misconceptions that many people may have about religious life.

Besides discussing misconceptions, Win-

frey also discussed the sisters' calling to their vocation, difficulties of living in a convent and the women's vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.

"The show was very enlightening," said Shields. "It showed that the vocation [of religious life] is very prolific, and it was good having sisters go on the show and be joyful about their vocation."

Ling's visit to the convent allowed viewers to see the prayerful and structured life led by the women that choose this vocation. It also showed some of the more unexpected daily routines of the sisters, such as competing against each other in friendly competition such as field hockey.

However, some parts of the episode may not have been as informative they were intended to be.

"It showed a very narrow view of religious life," said Shields. "Primarily, a cloistered group was shown. However, the part of the show that I saw was positive."

Whether the show had a positive or negative effect on those who watched it, the episode did help to explain a lifestyle that many people find difficult to understand.

In addition, the sisters were able to evangelize their faith, which according to Campus Minister Brian Feller, is an important practice to partake in.

"It's always good to promote the Gospel," said Feller.

## March holiday illuminates Irish story

Christina Engeman  
Opinion Editor

Parades, leprechauns and wearing green are all common practices for individuals celebrating St. Patrick's Day. While the saint's feast day is well-known for big celebrations, the story behind the man of the day is sometimes disregarded or not even known.

St. Patrick was actually born in Scotland, not Ireland, the country of which he is the patron saint. He was born around 387 to parents of British and Roman origin.

In his early teenage years, Patrick was captured and brought to Ireland as a slave, where he herded and looked after sheep. He continued to live and remain in captivity until he was about 20 years old.

Patrick escaped Ireland after having a dream in which God told him that he could leave the country by going to the coast. He did this and went back home to be with his family.

Patrick also had a dream where the people of Ireland were calling him back, wanting him to preach to them.

Once back home, he began studying for the priesthood and was ordained by St. Germanus. Eventually, Patrick was also ordained a bishop and sent to Ireland to spread the word of God.

Patrick converted thousands of people to Christianity while in Ireland.

His disciples helped him spread the Gospel and construct churches throughout the country.

Over the course of his work, Patrick kept an account of his love for God in his *Confessions*.

After 40 years of preaching and converting the Irish, Patrick died on March 17, 461. It is this date that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year.

Many legends came about from Patrick's presence in Ireland. One story says Patrick was almost killed by a chief from a native tribe, but Patrick converted the man and so his life was spared.

Another legend, perhaps the most common, is the story of the shamrock. Patrick would use the shamrock to explain how the Father, Son and Holy Spirit form the

Trinity.

Since that time, the shamrock has been associated with St. Patrick and the Irish people.

However, St. Patrick's Day is more about celebrating the Irish spirit and being Irish. St. Patrick's Day is more of a religious holiday in Ireland than the commercial holiday that it has turned into in the United States.

Americans celebrate the holiday by attending parades, wearing green-colored clothing, dyeing food green and spending some time at a nearby pub or bar.

However, some of the United States' major cities celebrate St. Patrick's day in even bigger ways. New York City, for example, has the largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world, and Chicago dyes its river green for the occasion.

The local Sioux Falls community will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by having its 31st Annual downtown parade which starts at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. Earlier in the morning at 11:30, there will be the painting of the shamrock, also located downtown.



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St. Patrick was born in Scotland around 387. Many individuals believe that he was from Ireland, of which he is the patron saint.

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# Students qualify for national tournament

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Shilpa Chandran, Tori Kaspar and Rachel Mullin will be representing O’Gorman High School at this year’s National Forensic League Tournament in Kansas City. The three students qualified at the Rushmore District Qualifier Tournament held Feb. 19-20 at Lincoln High School.

Chandran placed first in original oratory while Kaspar and Mullin qualified as a pair in public forum. The top two students in each event qualify for Nationals.

Chandran’s piece in original oratory focused on the topic of ingratitude in society.

In public forum, Kaspar and Mullin debated the topic of whether or not organized political

lobbying in the United States causes more harm than good.

“My favorite part of the tournament was getting to know other teams we are going to Nationals with,” said Kaspar.

Not only did Chandran place first in original oratory, but she was also a finalist in dramatic interpretation along with senior Kiah Schaeffbauer.

Many O’Gorman students were finalists in the category that they performed. Liz Bunkers was a finalist in oratory along with Chandran.

In humorous interpretation the finalists were senior Rachael Rogers and junior Jack Billion.

As for duo interpretation, the finalists were juniors Caitlin Woodard and Chris Michels,

juniors Billion and Steven Schaeffer, and Rogers and junior Joey Johnson.

“What made the competition difficult was the competition style because it was hard to tell how well you did,” said Schaeffer. “Everyone did a great job.”

Also, it was the last tournament of the season, which enhanced the experience, said Schaeffer.

Performing well in the tournament required time and preparation from the students and their coaches.

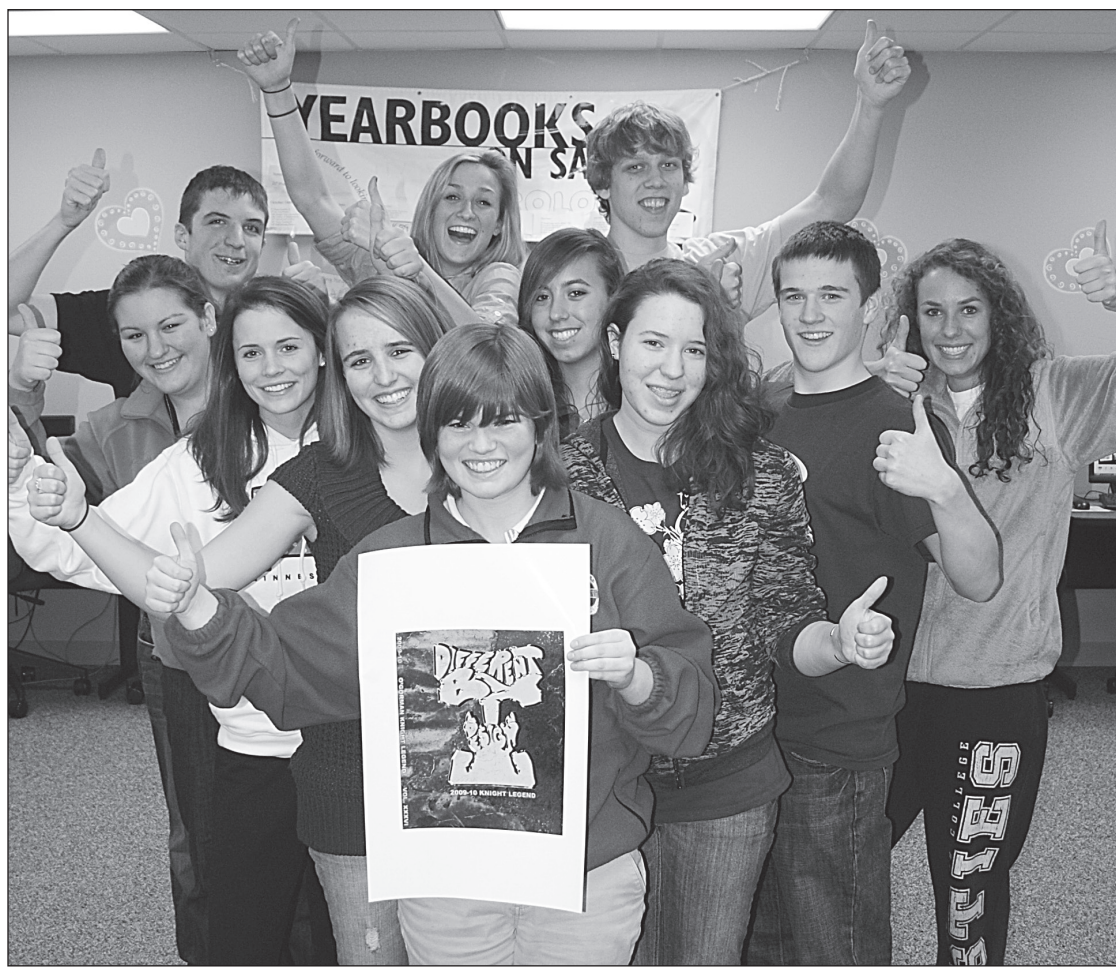
According to debate coach Mrs. Gwen Skar, the coaches sent their best participants in each category to compete in the tournament.

“Everyone who attended represented O’Gorman well,” said Skar.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tori Kaspar and Rachel Mullin qualified for the National Forensic League Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.



KNIGHT LEGEND

The 2009-2010 *Knight Legend* staff gives a thumbs up for this years cover design.

## Yearbook staff documents year, captures memories of students

Ellen Nelson  
Faith Co-Editor

Every year, students flock to pick up the yearbook they purchased the previous year.

That yearbook, usually met with overwhelming response, has a team of O’Gorman students who work on it throughout the school year to make it memorable for years to come.

“The yearbook is the only permanent record of a student’s high school year,” said English teacher and yearbook advisor Mr. Doug

Basche.

He went on to say that years from now, it will be students’ yearbook that provides them with the most memories.

During the school year, the yearbook class preserves memories of that year while learning the art of yearbook journalism.

This includes writing, ethics of journalism, design, theme development and an emphasis on photography.

According to senior yearbook student Erica Moe, the writers tell the photographers which events

to attend and what kind of pictures they want for their pages.

The writers then design the pages and write the stories.

“The class allows creativity to those who have an interest in layout design, copy writing and photography,” said Basche.

“I love that the class teaches you how to take a good picture,” said Moe. “It also lets creative juices flow and your design skills to increase.”

Both the students in the class and the advisor agree that the atmosphere is fun and relaxed.

## O’Gorman set to bring Biblical story to stage

Frankie Maxwell  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Musical auditions for this year were an exciting experience filled with talent and dedication. The musical chosen for this year is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.

Auditions for the musical were held Feb. 23 and 24 for singing and dancing.

For Ms. Teresa Fester, director of the musical, auditions are always something to get excited about.

“I always look forward to auditions,” said Fester. “Casting the show is most difficult because there is a lot to consider when determining a final cast, like energy, presence and demonstration of vocal abilities.”

The expectations for the musical have been incredibly high ever since the musical was announced last fall.

“It’s important for students to come to auditions extremely prepared and determined,” said Fester.

Preparation for this year’s musical audition required solid singing and clever song choice.

“‘Row Row Row Your Boat’ usually doesn’t get one to the casting shore,” said Fester.

If one is not the best singer, then a shorter well-prepared performance is expected. Dancing is also a large part of the auditions. This requires energy and charisma.

Along with students, Fester also prepared herself for auditions and

will prepare for the overall production of the musical. She educates herself by staying up to date on the latest shows on Broadway.

“I always search for something new to bring to the stage,” said Fester.

Students who auditioned this year did so for many different reasons. Senior Wendy Nelson auditioned for the experience.

“You make a lot of great friends during musical,” said Nelson.

Sophomore Charlie Solomon prepared himself for the competition at auditions.

“There was a ton of great talent at auditions this year, so it was interesting,” said Solomon.

In the past, most musicals usually have dialogue and singing combined, but *Joseph* differs from them because it is all music.

Even though there is no dialogue, songs should keep the audience moving right along with the storyline.

“It has so many styles and variations in music that it is a joy to direct and to be apart of,” said Fester.

Many of the girls that auditioned were concerned that there wouldn’t be a lot of roles for women.

“There is an equal amount of roles for the men and for the women,” said Fester.

“This show is one of O’Gorman’s and numerous other theatre’s top selling shows. It is thoroughly entertaining, fun and has great characters and music.”



Photography class increases numbers, develops creativity

Chris Oligmueller  
Sports Co-Editor

This year, students have developed an interest in the art of photography. As a result, O’Gorman’s photography class is benefiting.

The class has become very compatible with current students due to the removal of the manual camera and the addition of digital photography.

The course has since increased in popularity, especially due to word of mouth.

“This year is the most [students] I’ve had,” said photography teacher Mr. Patrick Frankman, in regards to the 47 students taking his course. “The number of students has increased each semester.”

“The class is awesome,” said senior photography student Krystal Hearst. “It’s a fun class.”

In addition to the class, students also enjoy Frankman’s company.

“He’s a cool and funny teacher,” said Hearst.

Frankman is an O’Gorman graduate and works part time at the local Harold’s Photoshop. He started teaching the class after Mr. Gary Siska asked him to fill a vacancy. The previous teacher was Ron Evans.

“I went to school here, so I thought it would be fun to come

back as a teacher,” said Frankman.

Some students, such as senior photography student Jack Berger, enjoy the ability that photography gives individuals to express themselves through the class.

“I think it’s a cool way to be able to capture a sudden moment in time,” said Berger. “The class has also helped me gain a better appreciation of the art as well.”

Frankman himself has improved upon the students’ interest in photography as well.

Hearst said she has always enjoyed photography and likes how the class gives free reign on one’s interests.

Berger also has an appreciation for the art but said that he likes that photography class teaches students about the structure of the camera. He wishes there was a second level of the class.

“I love the class; it’s so much fun learning what tools photographers use to make such great photographs,” said Berger.

According to Frankman, his goal for photography class is to help provide creative outlets for students and to make them feel more comfortable taking photographs.

He also hopes that students who take the class will consider a major in art or photography.



BECKY JARDING



ANDREA PETERSEN



NICK SIDERAS

Mr. Frankman’s photography class completes a variety of shooting assignments, including simplicity, lines, reflections, self-portraits and environmental portraits. Above is a sampling of some of the assignments that photography students have completed this year.

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# Athletes prepare for spring sports

Abby Meyers  
Christina Engeman

## Boys Tennis

After last season's success the O'Gorman boys tennis team looks forward to another competitive season.

The team is made up of about 20 boys ranging from seventh through 12th grade.

With several seniors and a strong group of junior boys the team aims for another successful season. The team will play around 25 matches over the course of eight or nine weeks. The annual Dakota Cup is May 11 versus Sioux Falls Washington and the season will conclude with the state competition in Rapid City May 20-22.

## Track and Field

With both teams finishing 11th at state last year, the Knights track team is hoping to return all letter winners from last season.

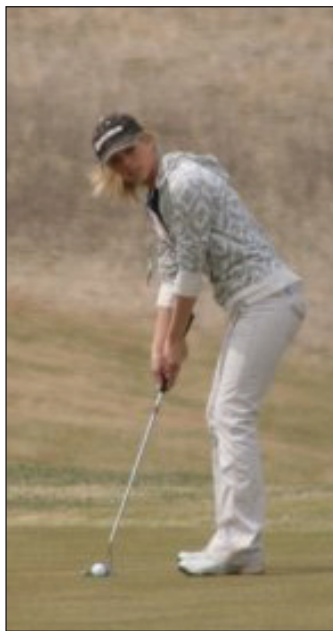
On the boys side they are looking to be strongest in the distance races. Also, the weights and jumps divisions return boys who participated in the state tournament last year.

The girls will have a lot of strength in the sprints and mid-distance areas. "Lots of solid girls in those areas," said Coach Doug Lindner.

"Track is a sport where you have to get the work you need to do done," said Lindner. "Then try and keep kids and coaches excited about being around."

For both teams this could be a very exciting season. The coaches are hoping for great weather and a lot of hard work.

The team is looking forward to a great season and both the coaching staff and the participants are excited about what lies ahead for them this year.



KNIGHT SCROLL

(Clockwise from top) Liz Bunkers, Tony Viger, Elliott Czarnecki, and Whitney Wheeler are all returning athletes.

## Girls Golf

Returning all but one member from last year, the Lady Knights golf team is counting on great success for their upcoming season.

The girls have finished runner-up the past three years in the state tournament, so this season they are setting the bar high.

"Our goal is to win every tournament," said senior Megan Wheeler.

This includes the city, confer-

ence and state tournaments. The Knights' biggest rival is Brookings, who has won state titles the past five years. The girls are also taking big steps to improve from last year's ending.

"We are all doing workouts and practicing a lot at the golf dome so we can be really successful this year," said Wheeler.

The challenge the girls golf team continually faces is when practice will officially start due to the inconsistent spring weather in

South Dakota.

The girls are hoping to open up their season April 2 at Elmwood against West Central.

## Baseball

After his first year as head coach of the O'Gorman Baseball team coach John Ratzloff looks to lead the Knights to a successful season on the diamond. After losing a chunk of starters to graduation, the Knights will look to se-

nior pitcher Tony Viger. "We'll be a good team," said Viger. "We're going to need some young people to step up because we don't have a lot of seniors."

The young Knights team hopes to end the season by qualifying for the state tournament. They hope to win the first state baseball title in the school's history.

"The fans can expect some fun games, some solid play and hopefully a state championship," said Viger.

# Student trainers help O'Gorman athletes avoid injuries

Jory Kunzman  
Sports Co-Editor

Rochelle Lauret has put in countless hours during her more than ten years as O'Gorman's athletic trainer. However, even with all of her hard work, it would be impossible for Lauret to attend every student athletic event and practice. Luckily she has a group of juniors and seniors that help her keep the athletes of O'Gorman safe. The trainers take care of the little things so that Lauret can focus on treating injuries.

"My job would be incredibly difficult if I did not have my students," said Lauret. "They take care of so many things so that I can focus on the injured athletes!"

The student trainers are able to look into the world of sports medicine. "I have always been interested in sports medicine," said junior wrestling trainer Liz Hakl. "I thought it (student training) would be a fun and exciting opportunity."

Students involved with athletic training learn basic injury and wound care from Lauret by either taking her prevention and care class during the school year or by taking part in a week-long camp at the Orthopedic Institute during the summer.

Trainers put in a lot of work, from keeping athletes hydrated to taping them when necessary. Student trainers must attend all practices and competitions of the team the individual trains for. Also, every student is given a radio so that he or she can contact Lauret if an injury were to occur while she was gone. "You never know who is going to get hurt and to what extent," said Hakl.

Student trainers put in hours of hard work to help their fellow students compete at the highest level possible. However, even though these individuals put in a lot of work, most of the trainers truly enjoy what they do.



JORY KUNZMAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Athletic trainer Liz Hakl helps Josh Duus during a recent wrestling tournament in Aberdeen.



# Girls look for state tourney berth

JR Stassi  
Sports Co Editor

The Lady Knights have finished their 2010 regular season with an overall win loss record of 10-8.

“This season has had its ups and downs but we learned a lot as a team,” said junior Meg Townsend.

“We have really improved throughout the course of the season and look forward to playing

our best basketball at tournament time,” said head coach Kent Kolsrud.

The Knights have faced a long, hard season that has pitted them against some of the top ranked teams in the state. The Knights played four of the top five teams in the state and walked away with some big wins and some close losses.

The Knights started off their season with a triumphant win over

the Rapid City Central Cobblers. They went on to lose to Rapid City Stevens, Sioux Falls Roosevelt and Watertown.

At that point the Knights showed that their season was not over yet. The Knights pulled off an impressive six game win streak that took down teams like Sioux City East, Yankton, Mitchell, Brookings, Washington and Rapid City Stevens. The Knights fell just short of an upset when they faced

Rapid City Central the second time, as they lost 68-63.

The Knights reclaimed their glory with a shocking upset over the previously third ranked Lincoln Patriots. They showed their true potential in the 40-34 win. The Knights finished the regular season on a low note as they lost their last two games to Huron and Washington.

“We all know that in the post season games, what took place in

the regular season doesn’t matter so we have to have short memories and focus on our main goal which is to make it to the state tournament,” said Townsend.

“We have a very difficult District and Region, but these girls are focused and excited and really want to achieve their goals,” said Kolsrud.

The state tournament is in Huron and takes place March 11-13.



Junior Sterling Nielsen drives to the hoop against St. Thomas More. The Knights went on to win 51-37.

# Knights hope for chance at title

JR Stassi  
Sports Co Editor

The O’Gorman boys basketball started the season off slowly but has picked up the pace in the home stretch.

“We started off a little shaky, but we have been able to pick it up here down the stretch,” said junior Sterling Nielsen.

They have a winning streak of 11 games that has taken down a few of the top ranked teams in the state. The streak started when the Knights dominated the Yankton Bucks in a 58-23 win.

They continued to roll past ranked teams like Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Rapid City Central and Huron.

The team has come back and retaliated some of their earlier season losses. They have reclaimed their losses against the Roosevelt Rough Riders and the Rapid City Central Cobblers. The Knights were topped 74-70 by the Cobblers in Rapid City, but the Knights won 64-45 in the second meeting at home.

It was almost the same story with the Rough Riders when the Knights lost 69-63. The Knights came out firing on all cylinders as the Knights took an early advantage over an injury stricken Riders team that had to sit star Cody Larson due to a sprained ankle.

“I think we are starting to play more team basketball and thus we are seeing more ‘W’s’ in the result column,” said head coach Derek Robey.

The Knights have proven that they are a true championship contender by picking up the pace of play and improving on their all around playing skills.

“I am looking forward to finishing the season off strong and making a run in state,” said Nielsen. “The team would be very excited if we could bring the state trophy back to O’Gorman.”

Injuries have stricken the Knights again, as Nielsen broke his jaw due to an elbow thrown by Huron’s Terrell Newton. He hopes to make a return late in the playoffs

The Knights look forward to the state tournament March 18-20 in Rapid City. The Knights hope that their momentum gained in the end of the regular season will carry them deep into the playoffs.

“I think there are a handful of teams that have the potential to have a lot of success in post season play. If we play like we are capable of playing we could be one of those teams, we are in a very tough district...there are no gimmies along the way. Hopefully we can end on a positive,” said Robey.

The Knights look to improve their streak through the rest of the season, and hopefully to bring home O’Gorman’s third state title.

Regular Season Schedule		
R.C. Central	70-74	L
R.C. Stevens	55-42	W
Roosevelt	63-69	L
Washington	69-54	W
Watertown	56-69	L
Lincoln	40-35	W
Washington	42-48	L
S.C. East	50-57	L
Yankton	58-23	W
Mitchell	62-41	W
Brookings	64-60	W
Roosevelt	45-36	W
St. T. More	51-37	W
S.C. West	64-46	W
R.C. Stevens	53-35	W
R.C. Central	64-45	W
Lincoln	53-46	W
Huron	64-41	W
BVHS	51-45	W

# Cheer team motivates students, athletes

Jory Kunzman  
Chris Oligmueller

High school athletes feed off of the energy of the student section; it motivates them and helps them keep the focus needed to win the game.

Keeping the student section from growing quiet are the O’Gorman cheerleaders. Cheerleaders represent the school and the team that they cheer for.

“They have the responsibility to lead,” said senior cheerleader Kaitlin Bruggeman. “At O’Gorman the cheerleaders represent the voice for the team they are cheering for.”

Although some people think cheerleading should not be considered a sport, those who participate in it know differently.

“A lot of people talk about how ‘cheer isn’t a sport,’” said Bruggeman. “But the girls that are in cheer at O’Gorman know and understand that we do as much work as any other sport to be good.”

In one sense the job of a cheerleader can be harder than that of those they are cheering for. The cheerleaders have to maintain a positive attitude even when a team is struggling.

If the cheerleaders stop cheering, the energy of the whole student section will drop. This could have a negative effect on a team that is already struggling.

Cheerleaders are almost never thanked by the people that they cheer for, but that’s not why they do what they do. They are rewarded by hearing the crowd cheer along with them.

“The most rewarding part of cheering is having the students and parents cheer along with you,” said Bruggeman.

Cheerleaders also enjoy putting on the yearly cheer clinic at the Dakota Bowl.

“It is awesome to see the little girls get excited and say that they want to be a cheerleader like us someday,” said Bruggeman.



# Seafood bistro brings Lenten relief

Zach Dresch  
Domenica Gilbert  
Ellen Nelson

Despite the current Lenten season, individuals are still able to find delicious food in Sioux Falls.

This month, members of the *Knight Scroll* staff dined out at Joey's Seafood and Grill. To the surprise of the staff members, this restaurant exceeded expectations.

One of the highlights of the evening was the great service. Upon entrance, we were overwhelmed with politeness and smiling faces at the restaurant.

As we approached our table, we were greeted by multiple waiters and waitresses in a friendly manner. Even the manager was kind to us, which we took as a large compliment.

When deciding on what to order, we were encouraged to try the appetizers. After much contemplation, we decided to ask our

friendly server for a suggestion. She recommended that we try Joey's Crab and Artichoke Dip. Needless to say, the four staff members thoroughly enjoyed the dish.

Before ordering, everyone agreed on trying different plates.

Most of the staff members tried different seafood entrées; however, for those seafood antagonists, one of us ordered a meat dish.

**"Does anybody have a chainsaw I could borrow?"**

**- Zach Dresch**

The first platter to arrive was the fish-lobster taco. Taylor Reaves, *Scroll* veteran, truly loved the dish.

"I'm totally ordering this next

time I come," said Reaves.

The next platter to arrive was the rib-eye steak sandwich, which was pleasantly tasty, although it was hard to chop up the steak itself.

"Does anybody have a chainsaw I could borrow?" asked Zach Dresch.

Next up were the pan-seared sea scallops. They were good but did not exceed expectations. The baked potato on the side left much to be desired.

The final platter was the crab dish. The crab legs were too thin but still tasty enough to warrant a decent meal.

"I need a pair of scissors!" exclaimed Domenica Gilbert, desperately trying to get to the meat of the crab she was eating.

At the end, the waitress politely took a picture of us, a task she was more than willing to do.

Unfortunately, we did not



ZACH DRESCH / KNIGHT SCROLL

Joey's Seafood and Grill is located on 2209 West 57th St.

have time to try Joey's dessert, although that's not to say we didn't want to.

If you were to have dessert, cheesecake and key-lime pie could have been a wonderful way to end the Joey's experience.

Overall, on a school grading scale, we give this restaurant an A-.

We recommend paying a visit to Joey's because you will certainly not regret making it your first choice for the Lenten season.



PRESS PHOTO

Models show off the latest spring fashion trends at New York City's spring fashion week.

## Spring season brings new fashions for men, women

Abby Meyers  
Activities Co-Editor

With warm weather just around the corner, the latest spring fashion trends are quickly popping up.

Make sure you're not stuck in the cold this season by catching up on the these trends.

This season's latest trends consist of minimalism, high voltage patterns, sweet pastels and soft-looking sheers.

Tap pants and boy shorts are a must have this spring, along with boy shorts and ripped and patched jeans.

Patterned and printed pants are a hot trend, but be careful which patterns you pick and make sure to pair them with sim-

ple tops.

Back to school styles such as knee-high socks, preppy stripes and academic blazers are also quite the buzz this spring season.

Along with these styles are sportswear and gym clothes. These trends are casual but can also be dressed up for any occasion.

Belted sweaters are still in this season, as they have been in the fall and winter. Metallic patterns are also in and can be found in many cute pieces. They are a great way to stand out while still looking super cute.

Asymmetrical pieces such as one strapped dresses are also hitting the runways hard this season.

This spring screams pink. Pink accessories such as totes,

handbags and scarves are a must have.

Ruffled blouses are also a great way to make any simple outfit pop. They look good when paired with a high-wasted skirt or a pair of jeans.

Bow headbands are also very catchy this season and can be found in a lot of cute colors and designs.

Now that we have covered the girls' side of spring fashion, it's time to clarify some trends for the boys. We all know spring brings warm weather, which means that all those winter coats and sweaters can finally be shed.

With that being said "jorts," or jean shorts, are an absolute no for guys!

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## Stances on books vs. movies differ, confuse fanbase

Ellen Nelson  
Faith Co-Editor

In the age of technology and shortcuts, more books are being made into movies than ever before.

Some people love this development, while others think books should stay off the screen. Still others remain conflicted or even indifferent.

"I think books should be made into movies because they can inspire you to go back and read the book," said librarian Annie Sternburg.

"I always enjoy a good movie or a good book so I love when a great book is made into a great movie!" said senior Emily Hoffmann.

However, when a book is made into a motion picture, readers' reactions differ widely.

"Sometimes you get a picture in your head about the people in books and the places they live and seeing it on screen can be so disappointing," said Sternburg.

"I don't really care if a book is being made into a movie," said sophomore Kelsey Thornton. "But sometimes it can show how wonderfully the book was written."

Still, others have different opinions on this subject.

"I think when books are made into movies, they are ruined," said freshmen Haley Maxwell. "Whenever a book turning into a movie comes to mind, I always think of how the book is going to be

changed, but usually not for the better."

Hoffmann disagrees.

"Most of the books that are made into movies have wonderful story lines and should have the chance to be exposed in different forms," she said.

One aspect of books being made into movies that can be difficult to come to terms with is the character choice.

"It's always interesting to see the names put to faces and to see what the actors do with the characters," Hoffmann said. "I saw *Dear John* a couple of weeks ago and thought it was really good. I loved the actors that were chosen."

"Sometimes, the actor who plays a character is distracting too, because you remember them from another movie, and it's hard to see them as someone else," said Sternburg.

Obviously, when a book is turned into a book, some changes must be made.

These changes, although most of the time are needed, can sometimes upset the reader.

Maxwell believes that the producers should create a movie originally written by them instead of changing a book to fit a two-hour format.

"It can be annoying when the movie isn't exactly like the book or things are left out, like Harry

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# Oscar Preview



Avatar



The Blind Side



District 9



An Education



The Hurt Locker

- Best Director**
- James Cameron, *Avatar*
  - Kathryn Bigelow, *The Hurt Locker*
  - Quentin Tarantino, *Inglourious Basterds*
  - Lee Daniels, *Precious*
  - Jason Reitman, *Up in the Air*

- Best Supporting Actor**
- Matt Damon, *Invictus*
  - Woody Harrelson, *The Messenger*
  - Christopher Plummer, *The Last Station*
  - Stanley Tucci, *The Lovely Bones*
  - Christoph Waltz, *Inglourious Basterds*

- Best Adapted Screenplay**
- *District 9*
  - *An Education*
  - *In the Loop*
  - *Precious*
  - *Up in the Air*

- Best Actor**
- Jeff Bridges, *Crazy Heart*
  - George Clooney, *Up in the Air*
  - Colin Firth, *A Single Man*
  - Morgan Freeman, *Invictus*
  - Jeremy Renner, *The Hurt Locker*

- Best Supporting Actress**
- Penelope Cruz, *Nine*
  - Vera Farmiga, *Up in the Air*
  - Maggie Gyllenhaal, *Crazy Heart*
  - Anna Kendrick, *Up in the Air*
  - Mo’Nique, *Precious*

- Best Animated Feature Film**
- *Coraline*
  - *Fantastic Mr. Fox*
  - *The Princess and the Frog*
  - *The Secret of Kells*
  - *Up*

- Best Actress**
- Sandra Bullock, *The Blind Side*
  - Helen Mirren, *The Last Station*
  - Carey Mulligan, *An Education*
  - Gabourey Sidibe, *Precious*
  - Meryl Streep, *Julie & Julia*

- Best Original Screenplay**
- *The Hurt Locker*
  - *Inglourious Basterds*
  - *The Messenger*
  - *A Serious Man*
  - *Up*

- Best Foreign Language Film**
- *Ajami*, Israel
  - *El Secreto de Sus Ojos*, Argentina
  - *The Milk of Sorrow*, Peru
  - *Un Prophete*, France
  - *The White Ribbon*, Germany

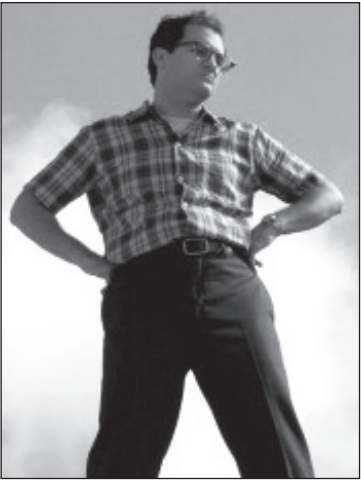
	Should Win	Will Win	Dark Horse
Best Picture	<i>Inglourious Basterds</i>	<i>Avatar</i>	<i>The Hurt Locker</i>
Best Director	Quentin Tarantino	Kathryn Bigelow	Jason Reitman
Best Actor	Jeff Bridges	Jeff Bridges	Jeremy Renner
Best Actress	Meryl Streep	Sandra Bullock	Gabourey Sidibe
Best Supporting Actor	Christoph Waltz	Christoph Waltz	Matt Damon
Best Supporting Actress	Maggie Gyllenhaal	Mo’Nique	Vera Farmiga
Best Animated Feature Film	<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>	<i>Up</i>	<i>Coraline</i>



Inglourious Basterds



Precious



A Serious Man



Up



Up in the Air



# Seniors can still leave mark on high school

Christina Engeman  
Opinion Editor

As the snow continues to fall and the temperature remains below forty degrees for eighty consecutive days, I start to daydream of the warm spring days that signal the graduation season.

When I should be concentrating on finding vertical asymptotes and graphing without a calculator, my mind wanders off, counting down days until I graduate.

Then an annoying little voice that sounds like my mom pops into my head and reminds me to slow down and enjoy the last few months of high school. Keeping that in mind, I bring to you my spring survival guide for seniors.

First and foremost, don't let senioritis set in. For some of us, it may be too late and past the point of no return for this to happen.

However, if you're one of the fortunate few whom senioritis hasn't hit, consider yourself lucky.

It's easier to slack off when you know you're accepted at several colleges and have plans for post graduation. But we can fight off senioritis by approaching graduation day with a new perspective.

Instead of looking at it as "fifty days until I'm out of this place", try viewing it as "fifty days to do everything I've ever wanted to do in high school."

On that note, this really is the last chance to do what you haven't done in high school. Whether you've always wanted to try a sport, a play or a service project, there's still time.

Try out for the track team. Sign up to be a techie for the play. Help out with Campus Ministry. If you don't want to get involved like every teacher has told us to since day one of high school, be a spectator and support these activities. It's the next best thing.

Along the theme of last chances, make one last effort to get to know some people. Maybe you didn't get along with them in junior high, but we've all changed since then. Just smile or say hello to people you haven't spoken to or seen in awhile. After this year, you may never see them again.

Now I know they aren't easy to deal with, and quite frankly, they aren't the people we want to spend much time with, but remember your parents and everything they've done.

Over the next few months, stressful and difficult decisions are going to be made, so go easy on them. It's going to be hard, but I'm confident that you can do it! Keep in mind that this is a hard time for them too. After all, we are their little babies all grown up.

Also, appreciate your siblings if you have any at home. I don't spend nearly as much time as I should with mine, and I know I'm going to miss them no matter what next year's plans are.

Play Barbies with your little sister for a few minutes, or let your little brother belt out Mr. Roboto by Styx on Band Hero as you play guitar. Moments like those will stick with both of you when you're off on your adventure this fall.

Lastly, don't stress out over things that are out of your control, or if you don't have post high school plans yet.

Personally, I worry too much about things that are out of my control and that no amount of worrying and freaking out will change.

Time will only tell when it comes to matters of acceptance letters and scholarship awards.

Senioritis is inevitable, and we will all get it at some point this spring. For now, let's do our best to fight it this year by taking chances, enjoying the people around us, and letting the cookie crumble where it may.

# Photo Survey:

If you had to spend a day with a teacher, who would it be and why?



Keaton Hilber

"Mrs. Bradfield because she's really nice."



Christina Hoff

"Mrs. Sommervold because she's awesome."



Hunter Winklepleck

"Mr. V. because I like his sweater vests."



Andie Lamis

"Mr. V. so that he doesn't have to sit alone at the movies."

# Texting while driving turns into road hazard

Molly Donohue  
Activities Co-Editor

Texting while driving is causing more unnecessary deaths than people realize.

Friends and family are losing loved ones because people can't put down their cell phones for a few minutes to drive across town or a few blocks.

These deaths are preventable which makes the issue even more alarmingly important and in need of addressing.

Personally, I think it's a growing and dangerous problem that needs to be addressed and put to rest, not only in Sioux Falls, but all other places.

I use my phone while driving by talking, going on the internet and sometimes texting. However, all of those these uses of my phone are dangerous.

"I think texting while driving is a serious hazard in any city, and Sioux Falls is certainly not immune to that," said Doug Barthel, Sioux Falls Police Chief.

However, lines do get blurred with texting while driving.

What really is considered texting while driving?

Is it when your car is in motion and you are looking down at your phone, or is it when your car is stopped at a stoplight and you are texting?

Either way, both are dangerous because a person is trying to divide their attention, which may cause an accident.

"This is difficult to prove, because it takes an admission from the driver, unless someone actually witnesses them doing this," said Barthel.

"Distracted driving is definitely a cause of a number of accidents, particularly rear-end accidents."

The other day, my father was driving down the interstate in Phoenix while looking down at his BlackBerry.

While in the car with him, I realized what he was doing was ridiculous. It gave me a wakeup call.

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# In - and - Out

Jay Leno

Conan O'Brien

Avatar

Titanic

Jersey Shore

The Real World

Motion City Soundtrack

Weezer

Pet Snuggles

Regular Snuggles

iPad

Regular Notebook

Them Crooked Vultures

Chickenfoot

Captain 11

Captain Underpants



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We’re not still in the ‘80s here, so let’s stick with the cargos.

Also, avoid those same grungy outfits that seem to be worn every day, such as old, worn-out athletic shorts and t-shirts.

Remember you can still look somewhat decent without dressing up. It won’t kill you, and it would do a lot of good to put a little bit of effort into what you wear.

So don’t be stuck in the cold this winter, and make sure you stay caught up on this spring’s latest trends!



Dear John opened in theaters Feb. 5.

BOOKS

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Potter, but I think it’s important to remember that the directors are authors themselves, directing based on a story,” said Hoffmann.

“The people making the movie have good intentions but in the long run, everyone chooses the book over the movie because, let’s face it, the original story is always going to be better,” Maxwell said.

Many people would agree with Maxwell on this statement.

“Usually I think ‘I have to read that book before I see the movie’ because I know it will be better,” said Sternburg

Also, there are some who would rather have one or the other than have to deal with the changes made during the cross-over.

“I would rather just read the book or watch the movie, but not both,” said Thornton.

The consensus remains that keeping an open mind when watching a book-turned-into-movie is the only thing one can do.

MAHONEY

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**KS: How do you feel students behave at sporting events?**

JM: We have some of the most well-behaved fans of any school. Our students are, for the most part, mature and respectful of the individuals taking part in the contest.

**KS: Do you feel students truly go to the game to support the team or for other reasons?**

JM: I think most high school students attend sporting events because they are truly interested in supporting their team and classmates. Junior high and elementary students attend for a variety of reasons, which may or may not include supporting the team.

**KS: It seems interesting that dress downs were offered in return for attendance at a girls’ basketball game. Was this significant in any way?**

JM: We were trying to find some way to incorporate our Catholic Schools Week celebration with the evening activities during the week, and the dress down competition for the girls game grew out of that idea. We considered offering it for the boys game Friday evening, but felt that game against Roosevelt might be too crowded to handle the added confusion

**KS: What was school spirit like at your high school?**

JM: School spirit back in the days that I attended high school was pretty similar to what we see today. The difference would be that today we have so many more activities for students to participate in and to attend. Sometimes our crowds at certain events in today's world are hindered by this, but our students benefit from the large number of opportunities that they have to get involved. I would not change things to be more like they were back in the old days.

**KS: Has the school spirit level evolved from the past to now?**

JM: School spirit involves students supporting each other in their activities, and students getting involved in school activities. I feel this high level of student involvement and support for others in activities has never waned at O’Gorman.

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**KS: How do you feel students behave at sporting events?**

PB: Unfortunately, there will always be the diehard fan that crosses the line of appropriateness with negative cheers.

**KS: Do you feel this is an accurate representation of our true school spirit?**

PB: Our cheering section is a great representation of the school spirit at O’Gorman, but I feel that our crowd at basketball games this year is mild compared to previous years. We are going to have to pump it up during the playoffs.

**KS: Do you feel students truly go to the game to support the team or for other reasons?**

PB: Supporting the Knights is what many people are there to do. The social aspect and the entertainment are what I consider fringe benefits of attending, and they both encourage more students to attend.

**KS: Do you believe that school spirit is hampered by other peoples’ perceptions of O’Gorman?**

PB: No, as a student body we don’t really listen to the negative connotations and stereotypes because we know they are not true. School spirit can only be harmed if what others say is true.

**KS: If you were to change school spirit, how would you do it?**

PB: I feel, at O’Gorman, school spirit is defined as cheering loud at games. I want everyone to realize that school spirit goes beyond sports. You can show school spirit by attending O’G plays, or concerts and even by participating in your classes.

**KS: How willing do you think students are to change?**

PB: There is no way to speak to how willing students are to change because everyone is different. Some are stubborn, and some are open to new ideas. I hope students will be able to keep an open mind about school spirit and realize how many forms there are of school spirit.

**KS: In your opinion, how important or relevant do you think the issue of school spirit is and why?**

PB: School spirit is directly related to how enjoyable attending O’Gorman is. If the students lack school spirit, O’Gorman wouldn’t be the great place that it is. School spirit is extremely important.

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**KS: How do you feel students behave at sporting events?**

MS: I have never witnessed something that I thought to be horribly offensive or contrary to how an O’Gorman should act in or out of school. Granted, I have not seen all things.

**KS: Do you feel this is an accurate representation of our true school spirit?**

MS: I think, at times, this might be lacking for this team or that. I find it to be true that no matter the activity or sporting event, students are proud to be involved and thus other students encourage these students to do well. However, I would find it more accurate if more students took time to support others in things that perhaps not everyone goes to all the time.

**KS: Do you feel students truly go to the game to support the team or for other reasons?**

MS: Yes. They go to support the team but like much of high school, it is also a social event and thus there are other contributing factors. While I cannot speak for the student body, I would be willing to bet that they do not all arrive individually only to be surprised that anyone else came.

**KS: What is your personal level of school spirit?**

MS: I don’t go to all of the events but I try to make it to at least one of everything. I don’t spend all my money on Knightwear, but I would support OG to the end.

**KS: How do you contribute to school spirit in your own way and why?**

MS: I try to attend each of the different events throughout the year. I want my students to know that I support them in whatever they do whether it is drama, cross country, or baseball. All are important.

**KS: What was school spirit like at your high school?**

MS: Moderate. Some people loved the school and are now fans of it on Facebook; others were just waiting to get out and are hoping to one day find a dislike button. It seemed though that when we had big events or a pep rally, kids got into it and supported each other.

TEXTING

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“It used to be just teenagers, but now parents have graduated to texting when they are driving. They are sometimes just as guilty,” said Barthel.

Currently 19 states ban texting for all drivers with six states banning handheld cell phones altogether.

Some states have the no texting while driving ban for certain age

groups, such as kids under 18.

South Dakota has no cell phone while driving restrictions, but the city of Sioux Falls is promoting no texting while driving to high school students.

“We have a group of officers that have given presentations to several of the high schools in town to address driving issues. It’s called *Carelessness Causes Crashes*,” said Barthel.

On Feb. 17, a bill hit the South

Dakota House floor in Pierre banning texting and e-mailing while driving but not talking while driving.

The sad part is if it goes into effect and a person gets caught they will only face a misdemeanor charge and a \$20 fine.

“I do know a lot of people who text while driving. They make me nervous when I am riding with them and I usually offer to text for them so that they can concen-

trate,” said Gustafson.

“I care about my safety just as much as I care about theirs and it’s always best to avoid an accident at all costs.”

People know better than to text and drive these days but they still continue to do so because of certain situations. These situations can include texting someone quickly to tell them that they are almost to the place they are meeting at.

Individuals need to consider that peoples’ lives are in danger when they use their phones in any manner while driving .

I know many think they can multitask, but there might be that one instant where it’s fatal.

It’s my dream that all states ban all cell phone use, especially texting, while driving in the near future so people no longer lose loved ones in an accident that could have been permitted.





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